

### THE VISITING NURSE QUARTERLY

A NEW quarterly magazine saw the light in October, published by the Visiting Nurse Association of Chicago and edited by Miss Fulmer. In the introductory note the statement is made that the main object of the publication is for compilation; that all matters on District Nursing may be gathered in compact form.

The first number is devoted principally to the reports and papers read at the Portland Convention, Miss Rogers address on "Nurses in the Public Schools" occupying the body of the magazine. It also contains the rules for contagious disease and maternity work as carried on by the Chicago Association, a report of the work of school nurses in Chicago and many helpful items and suggestions bearing on visiting work.

This little magazine should be made very valuable to district nurses if it is properly supported and contributed to by those engaged in that particular line of work and we wish Miss Fulmer every success in her venture.

The subscription price is one dollar. The next number will come out in January, the pages closing on the fifteenth of that month. Miss Fulmer urges all district nurses to make an effort to send her something before the next number goes to press.

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### PROGRESS OF STATE REGISTRATION

THE annual meeting of the Graduate Nurses' Association of the State of Pennsylvania was held in Newcastle on October 18, 19, 20. That the Pennsylvania nurses are pushing matters is shown in the fact that ninety-four new members were admitted at this meeting. The by-laws have been amended and reprinted and judging from the full report found in the Official Department the Society is in a flourishing condition.

Miss Margaret Whitaker, of Philadelphia, has succeeded Miss Brobson as President.

With the political revolution that is taking place in Pennsylvania we predict a more successful result when the nurses' bill is brought forward again.

### NEW YORK

In New York State the last of the practical examinations will be held in January and the full examinations begin at the same time.

For the full examinations nurses who entered a training school after April, 1903, and have graduated from a two years course are

eligible for this first full examination, provided the schools from which they have graduated are registered with the Regents.

The full examinations will be both practical and theoretical: the practical will consist of demonstrations by which means the nurses will show their manual skill; the written examinations will include elementary bacteriology, elementary *Materia Medica*, and anatomy and physiology; diet cooking, medical nursing including contagious nursing, surgical including gynecological nursing, nursing in diseases of children, with obstetrical nursing for women applicants, and for men genito-urinary nursing.

Nurses who are eligible for either of these examinations should write at once to the Education Department, Albany, N. Y. for the necessary papers.

We shall discuss at some length in an early number the subject of the affiliation of large, small and special hospitals in New York State. We find that such affiliations are being entered into to a much greater extent than we had realized, and that the influence of the New York law is becoming more and more widely extended.

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### DO WE NEED HIS CHARITY

SIR HENRY BURDETT is over here again agitating the question of a pension fund which he offers to manage if some one else will find the money. Having failed to interest nurses in his scheme when he came to this country some ten years or so ago, he has now made his appeal to the doctors who he seems to think are interested in providing old age pensions for nurses.

There is no question but that nurses need to consider seriously the question of provision for old age but until we can get up energy enough to make such provision for ourselves, let us each in turn retire gracefully to the poor-house rather than permit an outsider to come over here and manage such pensions for us, and especially an Englishman who is not over popular with the more intelligent nurses of his own country.

American nurses are not to be deluded by flattery; they know their own worth and they know whom they have to thank for the progress that has been made in nursing the world over, and while a man like Sir Henry Burdett may gather around him a small following, the independent, self-respecting American nurse will not be deceived as to the true motives of his visit to this country.

We want to remind the nurses of the United States that Sir Henry Burdett is the Editor of "*The Hospital*," a magazine in England having